

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Monetisation of Land

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has huge unutilised land holding across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Railways is working on a blue print to monetize its vast land holding and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): Railway has approximately 0.46 lakh hectare vacant land, which is mostly in the form of narrow strips along the tracks, used for servicing and maintenance of track, bridges and other railway infrastructure. This vacant land is also utilized for execution of various infrastructural projects for meeting future growth needs of Railways which include projects like doubling/tripling and traffic facilities works, etc. Railway's operations also necessarily require development of ancillary logistic support/infrastructure such as bulk oil installations & oil depots, steel yards, concrete sleeper plants, coal dumps, connectivity to private sidings, connectivity to ports and other infrastructure, commercial plots, vending stalls, etc. for which land is leased/licensed. The vacant land, which is not required by Railways for its immediate operational needs, is utilized in the interim period for commercial development through Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), wherever feasible, in order to mobilize additional financial resources. At present, approximately 523 hectares of land has been entrusted to RLDA for commercial development.
